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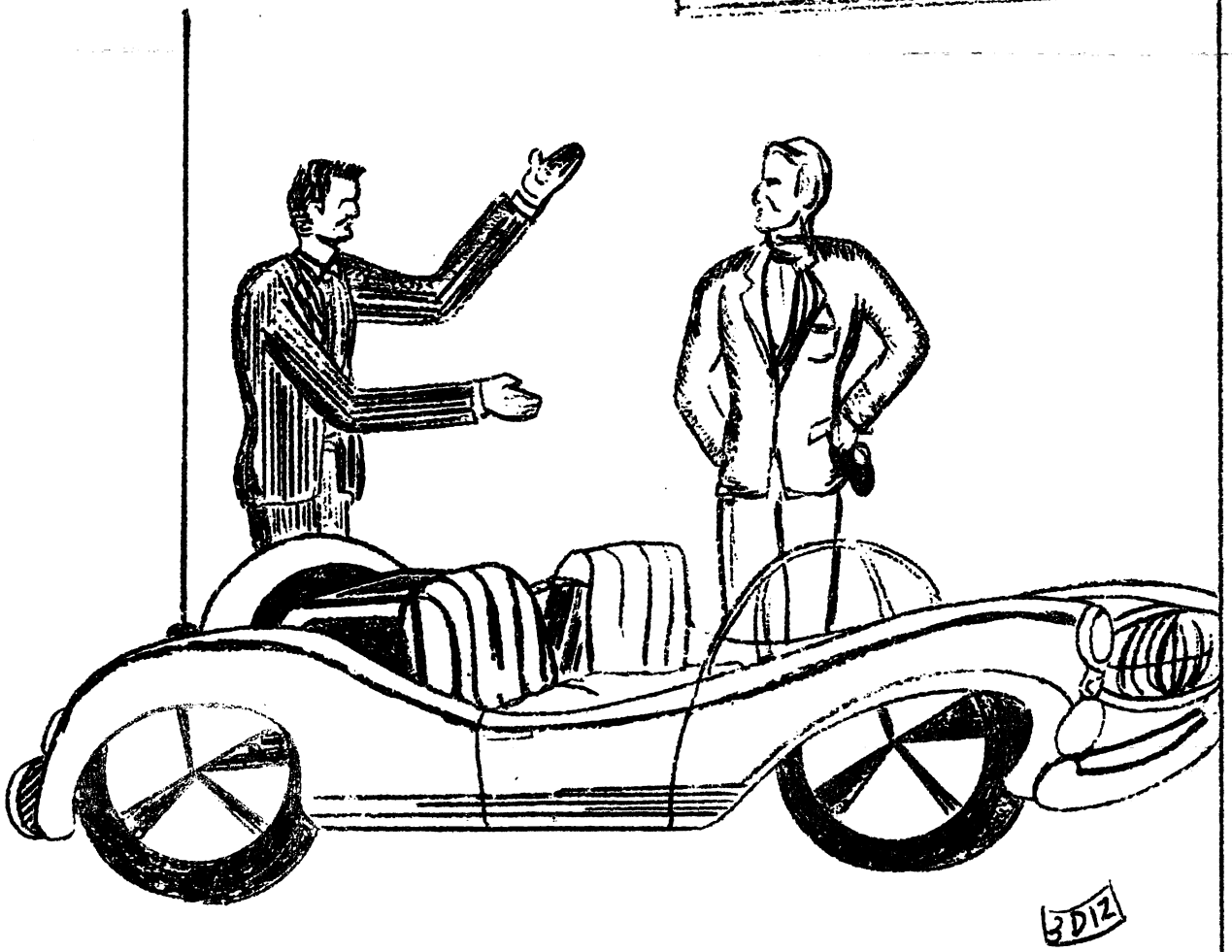

"..... AND YOU ONLY NEED A LICENSE FOR THE RIG."

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Material for the Blurb for W3PXY, and items for the SWAP SHEET for W3EXY must be received by the 15th of the month. The Blurb is mailed the last Thursday of the month.

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MEETINGS

First Monday of the month at, Town Hall
Germantown & Haines, Phila., 8:00 P.M.

NETS & NET FREQUENCIES

Ch 1 - 29493 Kc.	Ch 3 - 27000 Kc.
Ch 2 - 29626 Kc.	Ch 4 - 50.7 Mc.

Scrambled Egg Net, Weekdays, 0730-0830
Ten on Ten Net, Sundays, 1000-1100
Blarney Sessions, Anytime, on Ch ONE
29493 Kc. is monitored, daily, 0830-0001
for the benefit of mobiles in Phila. Area.

From the President

THE WAILING WALL

Here we are three quarters of the way through 1957. With only four months to go, it is safe to assume your president is going to make it without impeachment. A funny thing about this president racket is the way my shirt gets wet with everybody's tears. Don't you have a beef?

I have been listening to some of the more common bleats like, "They ain't never nobody at the frakwency", etc, etc. Don't you have a beef of your own? If you feel like crying, drop a line to Geo W.K. King, W3PXY, who will be glad to edit the tearful mess and bring it to the Blurb with the cuss words removed. I suggest Geo. name the column, "The Wailing Wall". Let's see who, beside W3YFV, can make the biggest puddle.

de
W3UVL

The Latest Scoop:

Ed is at a complete loss this month as to why everybody simultaneously sent in many unused cards. Maybe it was summer cleaning, or pre fall cleaning. We had about 40 cards returned for reuse. Send 'em back fellers and we will send em out again for notices etc. W3SAA said he gave up trying to remove ED's name so had to send them back. ---We are indebted to Trackless Travers W3LNQ for taking over the Blurb activities while the regular key puncher was away on the Sunny shores of Lake Gogibic in northern Michigan for 3 weeks. Trackless came thru in fine shape getting out some fine print with practically nothing to work on. We had only 2 cards last month so you can see he went after the scoop. The weather in the midwest was the sort of thing Betty & ED ordered up for the last ten years and never had. The band in the midwest was pretty poor - ten was flat, 15 occassionally, likewise 20, 40 was pretty good, & 75 of course open most of the time. Michigan stations hang around two freq. 3930 Lower Peninsula and 3920 Upper. If you get across the Straits you can be in almost constant contact with the U.P. gang - K8EMU- Casey, retired Navy man at St. Ignace, W8KGY -Cliff, at Engadine, W8ZDF -Henry, owns half the town of Manistique, W8ORR -Lyle, retired at the age of 31, W8YWF -Holly at Escanaba, and ole anchor man himself W8HBD -Ed in Ironwood. You can contact one after the other 330 miles and sometimes the whole works at once.

NOTICE - COMING EVENTS

CLAM BAKE	Saturday 7th of Sept.
MID AY MEETING	Sunday 15th of Sept.
St. DAVIDS GOLF MATCH	Sunday 22nd of Sept.
RE HUNT (at nite)	Wednesday 9th of Oct.

You have the map of the Clam Bake from the last Blurb - it promises to be a new venture for the club. EE has an advance release on the menu -Be[illegible]coup hours of heating a pile of rocks [illegible]n a pit. Then you douse the fire and place layers of seaweed clams, lobsters, chicken, corn, potatoes, & onions in a pile and cover the works with a tarp. Let steam for 1½ hours - check to see how the food is cooking by opening up a small hole in the [illegible]. Cheap 5 greens for 2 noses.---The place is up in the scenic mountains - late in the day - probably leave about 1 or 2 pm. Feed at 5:30 or there abouts - Rain or shine makes no difference. See you there. Deadline--Money to W3[illegible]SG by Sept. 1st.
The Mid-Way meeting is a half way meeting with the Washington Mobile Radio Club to be held near Dover or Baltimore - the site is being determined. The idea is to meet with the gang and have a rag chew - picnic et al. Andy W3NL is going to be the M.C. The location is being investigated by W3WNC, in the area of Dover. Our biggest trouble is finding someone who can suggest a location. Anyone formerly of that area who knows of a park where we can meet please call W3WNC -THIS IS URGENT! --- We have had a lot of talk about so many events occuring all summer long that the interest becomes split. ONLY ONE COMMENT - Its a long cold winter gals, with not much happening so you had better make hay while the sun shines (literally). Besides many of the events this year have never been done before - so we are testing our pioneering spirit a bit. They could easily expand into yearly events similar to our banquet. ---

W3CNO & W3ZXV -radio officer and emergency coordinator report considerable activity of the Montgomery County Amateur Radio Operators in the recent Operation Alert 1957. On Friday, July 12th, the Montgomery County Civil Defense Director received the Yellow Alert and ordered the County RACES Radio Officer to begin emergency radio operation. The County net control station, W3CNO, was notified via the County Control net on 6 meters to activate the County 10 Meter Operational Net on 29.520 mcs AM. The Operational Net and the Control Net on 53.480 mcs FM were called at 1130 EDST. At 1135 EDST, the County key station and alternate key station reported liaison with the State level

RACES net and set up operating schedules for the day. During the first hour of operation, 25 stations representing 15 of the local CD organizations in the County reported into the Net. 15 messages were handled prior to closing the Net for 3 hours at 1510 EDST. State liaison with the Net continued during this time. The County operational Net was again called at 1800 EDST and 17 additional stations representing a total of 23 local CD organizations reported in before the net was secured at 2206 EDST. During the final session of the Net, an additional 29 messages were handled. A tot 1 of 64 amateurs took part in Montgomery County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service communications activities during Operation Alert 1957. This exercise demonstrates the preparedness of amateur radio operators to assist during all types of communications emergencies.

W3QQH reports the AMA activity - which is the largest event both in numbers and time that we have ever participated in---Phil-Mont carried out another big operation last month with due process. The 1957 Nationals of the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) opened Monday July 29 at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station at 7:50 am with the landing of a radio controlled model aircraft. This plane had left Turner's airfield some 4 miles north about 7:30 am. The owner was perched atop a 1957 DeSoto convertible with top down and transmitter and antenna temporarily anchored to the trunk lid. With this world's record laid to the 1957 nationals, test flying and registration began in earnest. PMRC's red communications truck was located atop a mound of dirt formerly used to test fire machine guns on aircraft. A full view of the field was available. Extension 227 of the base dial system was installed in the com truck via field wire which was regularly severed every hour on the hour. QQH is striking for wireman rating if the navy has one. A half ton airconditioner had been installed through the rear doors of the truck for the convenience of the net operators and this helped ease the heat. Monday and Tuesday were easy days- just test flying- possibly a dozen planes returned. Wednesday things perked up-- 25 planes picked up. Thursday the radio controlvers went to the top. QZO traveled 171 miles in the upholstered roller skate--Nip did 105. 70 planes were recovered. Friday was active--48 planes returned, HQJ traveling 112 miles. Sat. and Sunday were short days--8 am to 2 pm-with lots of help and the Blue Angels demonstration late in the afternoon as a bonus. NCS operators included QQH, PST, SAM, SAA, KNC.. Mobiles operating included UVL, DSG, MVG, SAA, QQ H, QZO, NIP, CCB, IRS, HQJ, KDO, LNQ, AJO, GIF, VVS, IVD, and W9IMO as CAP Blue Fire 113. Cap planes and radio communications were active Tuesday thru Sunday on 148.14 from the com truck with our gonset. Now for the statistics..263 operator hours, 84 meeting and supervisory hours. 19 individual operators with an average time of 14 hours. 35 navy meals down the hatch--good ones too. Generator running time 69 hours and nary a murmur of trouble. Each model retrieved required an average of 52¢ worth of gas and 10 miles of driving. Now for the clincher--your Phil-Mont mobiles traveled a total of 1605 miles retrieving model aircraft- 156 in number. Put the dope on your calendar for 1961 for another AMA nationals at Willow Grove. Maybe we can gather together another $20,000 worth of radio gear and do a better job.

If you have CQ magazine in your hand this month you will find PMRC once again in the headlines - Wayne gave us feature article position this month with a run down on the movie - on that subject we want to report that a committee has been formed W3NIP, W3QQH, W3F[illegible] & W3OWK to investigate the possibility of having it run on TV in the fall. --- This Ed is agitating to have a Coming Events Calender announced as part of the agenda at every meeting to help keep the dates straight - how about that Prexy? --- And don't forget we will again have a drill Mischief Nite at Halloween to keep the kids in line. Last year we had about 18 cars out who "recruited" about 37 kids for retention. ---

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NOTICE - ELECTION PREPARATION

The card enclosed is to get an idea of who will be willing to run this year for officers. We begin the rat race of again chosing our leaders for the ensuing year. Sked is - Selection of Nominating committee by Sept. midmonth meeting to enable them to get the rules organized. Announcement of rules - Oct. regular meeting, Elections Dec. meeting. There are changes suggested by W3NIP for your consideration. "Each officer must be elected by a simple majority of those voting. If a simple majority is not reached, subsequent balloting must be held, eliminating the candidate with the lowest vote." "Proxy voting must be by specific choice of the member giving the proxy. If the specific candidate is removed in subsequent balloting, the proxy is released to vote as he desires." That will be all on the subject of elections until the committee meets and the rules are voted in. We will print the election rules in a later issue for your consideration.

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In November we will again have the selection of the most valuable member of the year. The presentation of the plaque will be at the annual Banquet. —— Heard on the freq. (the corn field -u-kno-lots of ears) W3/%$ from W3#"& stand by for the breaker, go ahead breaker. Brief Silence—Did you hear anything ? bk. ——Nope, not a thing, bk. W3?%$ from W3#"& Naw, nobody here but us chickens. (guess no better place for chickens than a corn field) -hi de W3CDY. ——W3DOU sez Transmitter Hunt. Night of July 10th. Very close race of less than ONE MINUTE deciding 1st and 2nd places caused Judges to vote tie to W3VVS and W3DFJ for 1st place. W3VVS gets 30 points however because he had QQH as Rider and Arch gets 25 points. Second was W3IRS (good work Fronchy, 1st next time) and 3rd place was W3NIP with DOU as Rider.

UP TO DATE SCORE THEREFORE AS FOLLOWS:

	W3VVS	W3NIP	W3DFJ	W3DOU	W3IRS	W3QQH	W3OWK
June total	60	25	60	15	25	15	5
July 10	30 (TieHr)	5	25 (Tie1)	5(R)	15(2)	5(R)	0
Total	90	30	85	20	40	20	5

Jim QQH says he's only riding this year to prove his car isn't charmed and its "BRAINS" that wins. We'd like to see him competing with the other half of his "BRAINS" and W3DFJ. ——Von W3UIX will be (or is) in Labrador and wants to contact the gang from VO land. Von shipped a mess of cards to ED and sez Send these to someone who is collecting them. ——From the CIA: The York Road Radio Club would like to extend it's thanks to W3UVL for helping us on 80 c.w. on field day. Although Russ could only spend one hour operating, the four contacts helped considerably. Please come again next year, Russ. The Field Day Committee.——A bit of good news from W3RFJ "Feeling better now. Back to work on a limited scale. Should be able to do everything by Labor Day." ——W3UMK & Mrs. are now baby sitting "etc." Constance arrived July 24th and weighed in at 5 lbs 7½ oz. Things will be different for a while there, Dick.——The I.R.E. reports that George King, W3PXY, is chairman of their newly formed Professional Group on Reliability and Quality Control. (From IRE "Almanack" - issue, Summer, 1957).——W3ZIA sends a nice bit of thanks to the Blurb committee for the work they do. ——New formulas -You know what a "Screwdriver" is - 'ats Vodka & orange juice — Do you know what a "Pile Driver" is ? - 'ats Vodka & prune juice. Hi —— We receiv some mighty original work from W3HYU but unfortunately only ED can chuckle over most of it. ——

ON Field Day

Where is the Ham who now can say
I helped with Field Day the Phil-Mont way-
We pounded & called for the full twenty-four-
and now here it is just once more
"CQ Field Day"

de W3QQH

KH6EM was doing a lot of buzzing around here on vacation this year - he stopped in to see several of the boys.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING IS MONDAY THE 9th BECAUSE OF LABOR DAY

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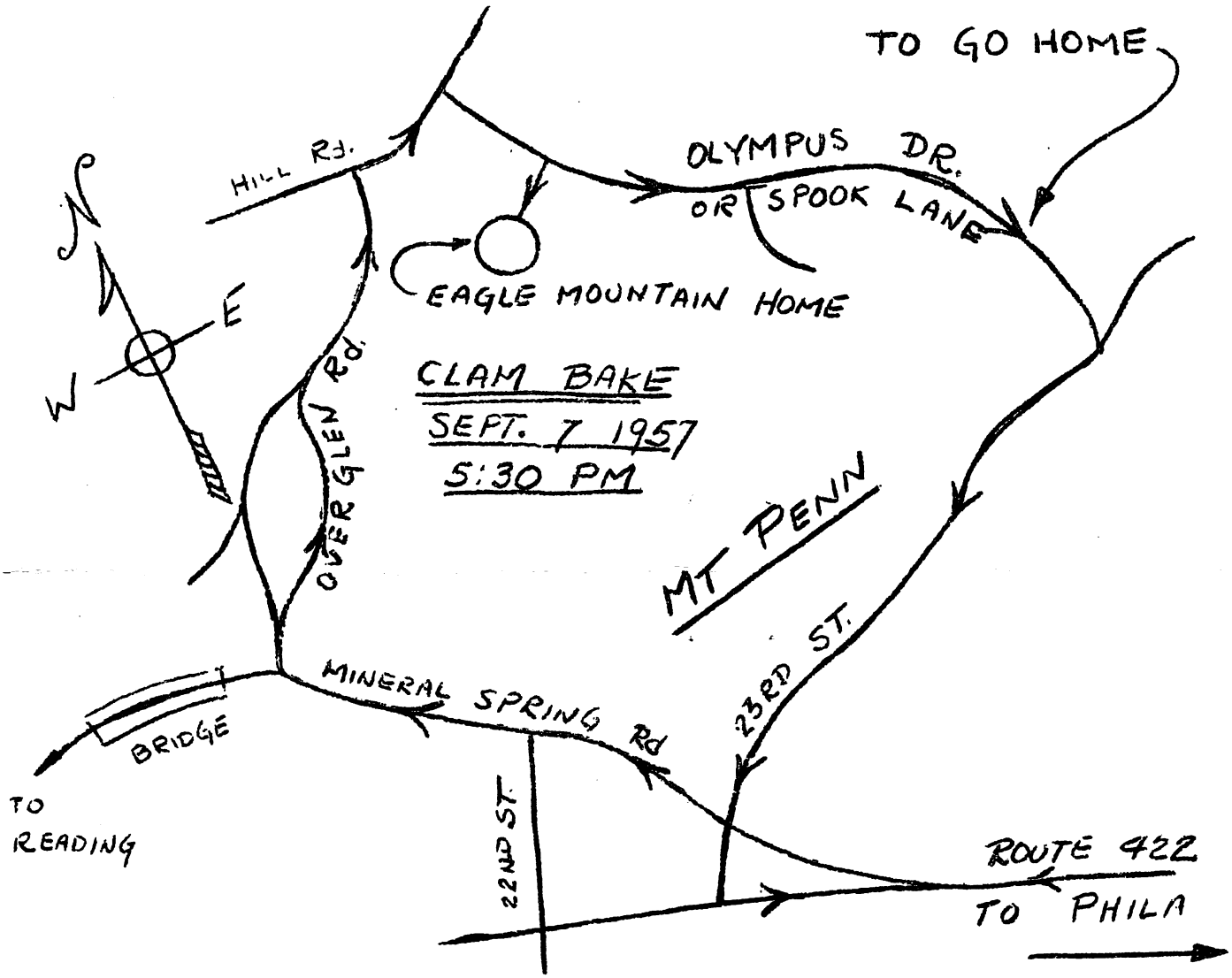
Frank W3HFD had the last Midmonth meeting and sends in his thanks to all the fellows who came out to see him. —— W3QZO SamBob compliments W3LNQ on the fine Blurb job last month. Sam has spots before his eyes after the model airplane meet. He says several model airplane meets are held in the area every year - why not get in on some of them. He drove pop's car on vacation and knows how a ferry boat captain feels. The rig is installed in the upholstered roller skate. Sam suggests - Breakers have a better chance of being acknowledged if they wait until just before the talking stations signs - less chance of being forgotten.



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.....QST TO ALL MOBILES .....

PHILA AREA

There will be a MID-WAY MEETING with the Washington Mobile Radio Club, on September 15th, at Havre de Grace City Park, starting 12:00 noon until 4:00 P.M.

Gab fest for the men, Bingo and other activities and prizes for the women. W3NL will lead the motorcade from Washington, with about 12 cars.

The Havre de Grace city fathers have been contacted and will have tables waiting our arrival.

Havre de Grace is 60 miles from Philadelphia on Route 40, and 20 miles north of Baltimore. Bring your own food for noon lumch. Full park facilities including tables, wash rooms and grills are available.

W3UVL does not want Philmont Mobile Radio Club outdone, therefore, try to make the tour which will leave Phila not later than 10:00 A.M.

Baltimore area mobiles are expected to be present.

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SWAP AND SHOP

Hammarlund HQ-129-X Receiver in excellent condition with matching speaker and 10½" rack mount and cabinet. Not a scratch on it.

$ 130 QQH

RME VHF 152 Convertor 10-6-2 meters with IF strip, audio, and power mounted within the cabinet. These models are exceptionally stable as compared with the VHF 152-A model. 10½" rack panel for same available.

$ 60 QQH

BC-683 Tank receiver converted to AM-- 10 channel push button rcvr ideal for net monitoring on 10 meters Complete with instruction manual

$ 16.50 QQH

WANTED:-Gonset super-six converter Charlie Stouth W3ZPP

WANTED:-DM-35 12 v DC input 625 V @ 225 ma output QQH
3API CRT

For Sale—W3JGB's Mobile Equipment

Transmitter - Gonset Commander with three coils for continuous coverage from 80 to 6 meters. Doubler stage added to provide straight-through operation on 10 meters. Separate 10-position crystal selector. Separate pi-network with send-receive relay. (Three units mount together under dash. Tubeless VFO.

Receiver - Gonset Super-Six Converter - special steering column mounting (includes control box and VFO). S&W Mobilceiver, TNS biltin. Has power supply removed to eliminate hash. Cable connection box attached to rear. Mounts under transmitter.

Power Supplies - Two Mallory 555 Dual Vibropaks mounted as integral unit and connected to supply 300V @ 300 MA to xmitter and 250 V @ 100MA to receiver. Includes separate filter for receiver supply - no hash! Has two relays.

Separate Generator-Battery Installation - Exide Ultra Start 6 volt battery with mounting box and vents for rear deck. 45 ampere 6 volt Delco Generator with piggy-back mounting brackets and long drive belt. 6 volt Delco Regulator.

Cables - 14' 00 gauge battery cable with terminals. 30" Battery cable. 17½' 1" tinned copper braid for ground return. All special cables for inter-connecting units.

Original cost of equipment over $ 550. Offered with schematic diagrams for $ 175.00

DON'T FORGET THE PHILMONT AUCTION
OCTOBER 7th

Let's make this auction the best
one yet.

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